

## INSTRUMENT REVENUE \$8,974,366 IN 1917 ASSESSOR BELIEVES

In Annual Report He Says This  
Sum Will Be Collected In  
Fiscal Year.

ARE BASES OF ESTIMATES

Total Value of District Real Estate Is Given As \$394,209,904.

Estimated revenue of the District for the next fiscal year upon which the Commissioners are basing estimates is \$8,974,366, according to the annual report of W. F. Richards, Assessor of the District.

The estimate was prepared by a committee consisting of the Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer, and Ben L. Prince, Collector of Taxes.

Among the larger items are real estate taxes, \$5,000,000; tangible personal taxes, \$1,000,000; intangible taxes, \$1,000,000; liquor licenses, \$500,000; Police Court fines, \$100,000; and miscellaneous licenses, \$15,000.

Legislation requiring the owner to file with the Assessor, to be used only by him and his aids, the true consideration in all sales of realty, is again urged by Assessor Richards. It has been found impossible, he states, to collect all sales and transfers of realty, and the result has been a large force of field assistants.

Wants Annual Assessments.

Annual assessments of real estate have long been urged by the Assessor's Office and a step in this direction was taken, the report states, by the enactment of legislation providing for biennial instead of triennial assessments.

"To enable the office to carry into effect such assessments," says Assessor Richards, "there has been provided five field men whose need has been greatly felt in the past, and who will be greatly aided toward equalizing real estate assessments in the District."

Attention is directed to increased construction of apartment houses, one-third of the assessments for the year being entered on this class of buildings.

Was Record Year.

"The most active years previous to this," says the report, "were in 1910 and 1910, when permits for nearly \$20,000 were taken out for apartment houses, and nearly double that amount for brick and frame buildings. This year shows that the amount estimated on apartments is \$1,333,000, or \$1,000,000 more than for brick buildings, and almost equal to brick and frame buildings combined."

Legislation requiring the annual registration of automobiles and motor cycles, abolition of personal tax on such vehicles and payment of an annual fee based on horse-power is again recommended.

The total assessed valuation of real estate in the District is \$394,209,904. The assessed valuation of land is \$207,173,906 and of improvements, \$187,035,998.

## PROF. MOORE TALKS ON WEATHER WORK

Addresses Annual Meeting of  
Brookland Brotherhood At  
Lord Memorial Hall.

A lecture by Prof. Willis L. Moore, former chief of the Weather Bureau, on "Reminiscences of a Weather Man," featured the annual meeting of the Brookland Brotherhood at Lord Memorial Hall, Brookland, last night.

Prof. Moore, branching off from weather conditions, declared himself in favor of woman suffrage and expressed the belief that the nation will improve as the vote is extended to women.

Adhering strictly to the one-term plank in the Brotherhood's platform, President George B. Clayton retired, and David H. C. Phillips, vice president, Louisa Mellus, treasurer, and Secretary B. B. Phelps, were elected to succeed him. These were elected to serve with him: C. H. Phelps, vice president; Louisa Mellus, treasurer, and Secretary B. B. Phelps, were elected to succeed him.

Mr. Phelps reported that the recent fruit, flower, and vegetable show of the Brookland Brotherhood, held since the first one, held nine years ago. The meeting was followed by a supper, at which the following were present: The Rev. Dr. W. O. Mullington, C. F. Tanali, Drs. R. W. Frischkorn, Duncan, Biggs, W. H. Plitcher, C. E. Watta, V. Klein, William A. Dull, W. C. Saunders, H. H. Saxton, W. H. Stevens, W. R. Ross, F. C. Cole, J. B. Altman, George B. Gartrell, C. B. Hunt, C. H. Hospital, Henry C. Butler, H. C. Richter, George B. Johnson, Charles J. Lemmon, Thomas J. Kelly, A. T. Prose, George W. Callahan, William A. Eisenhart, C. Miller, R. H. Evans, A. M. Fonda, John J. Williams, C. P. Judge, C. H. Eix, C. L. Williamson, D. M. Keller, J. E. R. L. Frim, J. P. Dodge, J. E. Eastlack, William Warren, B. E. Hutchinson, Leo P. Watson, D. G. Cheesman, W. S. Ayres, W. C. Moore, N. Brumbaugh, C. Brumbaugh, K. Y. Graft, James Connolly, Gerald Connolly, and John Mahoney.

In the undated statement that there are now 400,000 widows in Germany, whose husbands have fallen on the battlefield, the American Relief Committee, in a statement issued today from its headquarters at 12 Park Row, New York City, gives graphic indication of the suffering in the European war.

The number of children in Germany orphaned by the war is placed at 600,000.

In order to raise funds for care of this million widows and orphans, the committee has resorted to an extensive use of wireless. In this way funds to the extent of nearly \$500,000, but about \$55,000, have been forwarded to Berlin. Contributions are sent monthly, in installments of \$1,000 by the Sayville wireless station.

Distribution of the money is made through a committee in Berlin made up of residents of the American colony. It is stated that while the pension allowed widows by the German government would be ample in normal times it falls far short in the eyes of high prices now prevailing in the German capital.

## Girl to Be Subject Of Intensive Study

Here is where the small boy chuckles to himself—nay, he may even venture a tentative "ha, ha!"

The incorrigible boy, the truant boy, the backward boy, the runaway boy, and various other kinds of boy have been intensively studied at times, until the boy who occasionally was all three, and then some, had had going.

Now, it appears, the Children's Council, which includes the heads of all the agencies dealing with children, has taken up the study of the delinquent—not boy, but girl.

The Juvenile Court, which has been the bane of the small boy, likewise offers him comfort. Down there an additional probation officer has been appointed, not for the small boy, but for adults.

The Children's Council will take up the subject of the delinquent girl at its conference at noon next, Wednesday, when Mrs. Jennie A. Griffith, of the National Training School for Girls, and Mrs. Edna K. Bushie, probation officer of the Juvenile Court, will lead the discussion.

Wider Range.

But the winter program of the Children's Council has a much wider range. The council this winter hopes to make a thorough study of the problems of the school child. It will deal with varied aspects of child life which are not entirely under the control of the schools, and which are apt to be neglected by the home.

Already a questionnaire has been sent to the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education, and the president of the board asking for a large fund of information.

Some of the questions seek to ascertain the number of attendance officers, the percentage of children's attendance at Washington schools, the reasons given for non-attendance, how much effort is made to trace non-attendance, defects in the present attendance system, and whether the present ages specified for compulsory attendance are satisfactory.

Then the questions turn to the question of health of school children, asking about medical inspectors and nurses, the number of children inspected, what physical defects were most prevalent,

## ENGRAVERS OBJECT TO HALF-HOLIDAY

Some opposition to granting the proposed Saturday half-holiday for Government employees has developed at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

The work at the bureau is done mostly on the piece scale, and it is believed that a Saturday half-holiday might interfere seriously with the earnings of some of the employees.

All other bureaus of the Treasury Department have one have reported in favor of the plan of granting the half-holiday. Secretary McAdoo is out of the city at present, but he returns the matter will be brought before him, and some action taken. He is expected to return early next week.

Only two department heads have so far sent replies to President Wilson's letter asking for their advice on the question of granting the extra half day off each week. Both the replies from Attorney General Gregory and Secretary of Commerce Redfield have been highly favorable to the adoption of the plan.

It is understood that other department heads are substantially in accord with these decisions.

## ARRANGE FOR QUIZ OF CADET OFFICERS

Candidates for Commissions to  
Have Competitive Examination.

About one hundred boys desiring to become officers in the High School Cadet Regiment will take examinations for a commission Thursday and Friday, S. E. Kramer, assistant superintendent of schools, announced today.

The examination for color of the regiment will be taken by about twenty-five boys Thursday at 3 o'clock at the Franklin School. This year those failing to pass the examination for color of the regiment will be eligible to take the examination for company positions.

Friday at 2:30, at the Franklin School, the written examination for company positions will be held. Another oral examination for regimental, staff, and battalion positions will be held at a future date.

The work of organizing the cadets will probably begin early next week.

## GIRLS! BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR AND STOP DANDRUFF

Hair becomes charming,  
wavy, lustrous and thick  
in few moments.

Every bit of dandruff disappears and hair stops coming out.

For 25 cents you can save your hair. In less than ten minutes you can double its beauty. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and charming as a young girl's after applying some Danderine.

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## SIXTY MILLION IS DISTRICT'S INCOME

Auditor Alonzo Tweedale Submits Annual Report to Commissioners.

The District's cash receipts for the year ended June 30 amounted to \$16,201,401.20, according to the annual report of Alonzo Tweedale, auditor, submitted to the Commissioners today.

The expenditures totaled \$14,183,619.54, divided as follows:

For general Government, \$722,457.07; protection of life and property, including the police and fire departments, \$1,983,188.50; health and sanitation, including the health department, sewage disposal and construction, \$1,220,901.29; highways, including street improvements and extensions, and care of public highways, \$1,741,196.73; charities and corrections, \$1,653,320.40; education, including public schools and libraries, \$3,520,236.94; recreation, including public parks, playgrounds, bathing beach, \$675,156.67; miscellaneous, including tax and license refunds, \$10,454.32; public service enterprises, including water supply and markets, \$214,306.18; and interest and debt, \$972,153.27.

The property accounting system instituted by the Commissioners under authority of the District appropriation bill for 1916, Auditor Tweedale says, has resulted in large savings.

Sales of old materials for the same period amounted to \$7,952.22. Cash collections of the office of the Collector of Taxes amounted to \$10,130,191.93, an increase of \$30,080.98 over the preceding year.

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## OLDEST INHABITANTS CALLED TO CONFER

Hyattsville Wants Them to Shed  
Light on Course of Ravens-  
wood Avenue.

The town of Hyattsville will stage officially on next Monday night an Oldest Inhabitants' meeting for an unusual purpose.

The veteran residents of that suburb have been summoned by the mayor and common council to shed light on the proper course of Ravenswood avenue, which runs from Johnson avenue to Melrose avenue, through the historic Hyatt estate.

The avenue has been there since the time when the memory of the oldest inhabitants runseth not to the contrary. But Hyattsville has just bethought itself to improve it.

It has been secured by right of what the veracious Hyattsville correspondent terms "prescription," in which he is supported by Noah Webster, "prescription" meaning by right of custom.

No records are to be found of the legal course of Ravenswood avenue. Belying its name it does not as the crow flies, but by devious twists and turns.

Therefore the town fathers have called upon the residents of Hyattsville of twenty years or more to assemble and shed light on the history of the roadway. Among those invited are Dr. Charles A. Wells, William P. Magruder, Charles H. Welch, Thomas H. Moran, J. Archie McFarland and Miss Hattie Thompson.

## RAID MAY HASTEN DANISH INDIES SALE

Copenhagen Declared Likely to  
Decide on Speedier Action.

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